

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claim 1 is being amended. Claims 2-4 are not being changed. Accordingly, claims 1-4 are currently pending in the present reissue application.

The amendment to claim 1 is discussed in detail in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney enclosed herewith.

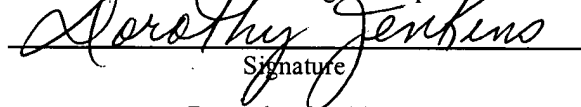
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are currently in allowable condition. Accordingly, prompt allowance of all pending claims is therefore earnestly solicited.

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